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AND HQ AFSC ANDREWS AFB MD/FA

E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: DISAPPROVAL OF PROPOSED VISITS

REFS: (A) BONN 02651 DTG 111639Z FEB 77 (NOTAL)
(B) HQ ANDREWS AFB DTG 112146Z FEB 77
(C) ESD HANSCOM AFB DTG 112100Z FEB 77 TO
MINISTRY OF DEFENSE BONN (NOT SENT TO
AMEMBASSY BONN)

1. USMISSION NATO HAS INFORMED EMBASSY BONN OF THE
MISSION'S RECEIPT OF AN INFO COPY OF A MESSAGE SENT
BY ESD HANSCOM AFB (REF C) TO THE GERMAN FEDERAL MINIS-
TRY OF DEFENSE; NEITHER EMBASSY BONN NOR ANY OF ITS
ORGANIZATIONS WAS AN ADDRESSEE OF THIS MESSAGE.
USMISSION NATO TELLS US THAT FOUR INDIVIDUALS ARE
COMING TO GERMANY DURING THE PERIOD FEB. 14-17 TO
DISCUSS E3A CAPABILITIES WITH THE FEDERAL MINISTRY OF
DEFENSE. THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE: LT. COL. JOHN S.
MCDONALD, LT. COL. THOMAS, CAPT. GRONES, AND GS-15
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2. THIS VISIT HAS NOT BEEN CLEARED WITH THIS EMBASSY
AND IS HEREBY DISAPPROVED. WE ARE ATTEMPTING TO REACH
HANSCOM AFB BY PHONE IN ORDER TO CANCEL THE DEPARTURE
OF THE OFFICERS.

3. IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ESTABLISHED PROCEDURES, REF B REQUESTED PERMISSION FOR MAJOR GENERAL SKANTZE TO VISIT BONN TO DISCUSS THE E3A PROGRAM. THE DEFENSE ATTACHE, ACTING UNDER THE AMBASSADOR'S INSTRUCTIONS, HAS DENIED APPROVAL FOR SUCH A VISIT AT THIS TIME. SINCE MAJOR GENERAL SKANTZE COULD NOT HAVE READ BONN 02651 (REF A) AT THE TIME HE MADE HIS REQUEST, HE COULD NOT HAVE REALIZED HOW SENSITIVE THIS ISSUE IS. HE WILL, WE ARE SURE, APPRECIATE WHY A VISIT AT THIS TIME WOULD BE INOPPORTUNE.

4. COMMENT: HAD HANSCOM AFB FOLLOWED PROPER PROCEDURE IN REQUESTING EMBASSY APPROVAL FOR TRAVEL BY LT. COL. MCDONALD AND ASSOCIATES, WE WOULD HAVE BEEN ABLE TO GIVE TIMELY ADVICE OF NON-CONCURRENCE OF THAT VISIT. STOESEL

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